(c) The details of India's overall exports and those of agricultural commodities (excluding cotton) since 1991-92 are as below:

(Rs. crores)

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
1. India's overall exports	44041.81	53688.26	69546.97
2. Exports of agricultural commodities	4392.93	5678.83	7524.25
3. % share of agricultural commodities to overall exports from India.	9.97%	10.58%	10.82%

(Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)

(d) Government attaches high priority to the export of farm pro-ducts. Some of the specific steps taken to promote farm exports are:-

(1) Lowering of import duties on certain inputs and materials re quired by the agricultural sector.

(2) Bringing the sector under the purview of the scheme of Ex port Oriented Units (EOUs) and Export Processing Zones (EPZs) and allowing agriculture based EOUs the benefit df 50 per cent Of turnover to be sold in the domestic market as against the 25 per cent norm generally fixed.

(3) More aggressive overseas pub licity and sponsoring of trade delegations, arranging of buyer-seller meets and arranging of inter-action with importers.

Appointment of retired offieers in Coal India lad. and its subsidiaries

**14.* SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to Unstarred Questions 672 and 679 given, in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th February, 1994 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that retired officials are being appointed as advisors or in any other capacity by Coal India Ltd. or its subsidsariesor in the Ministry of Coal drawing salaries from the funds of Coal India Limited;

(b) if so, the details of such offi cials who after retirement are serv ing Coal India limited, Coal Minis try or any of its subsidiaries as Ad visors or in any other capacity; and

(c) the details of terms and condi tions of their services such as pay ment, perks, facilities and the work being attended to by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to(c) Coal India Ltd maintenance a panel of Advisors consisting of persons who have expertise in technical managerial and other areas relevant to the coal industry. The panel also includes retired officers of coal com panies. CIL have informed that the services of Advisors in the panel are obtained as and when needed in very specific and specialised jobs. The Advi-sors whose services are engaged are paid remuneration at prescribed daily rates in accordance with the rank they held at the time of their retirement, payment being restricted upto 10 days in a month. They are also provided boarding and lodging facilities where available and paid daily allowance and travel facilities as ap-plicable to the officers of CIL of simi-lar ranks. The panel of Advisors as on 20.7.94 is enclosed as statement. (See below) which also indicates the area of expertise of each member of the panel.

STATEMENT

S.No.	Panel of Advisors maintained by CIL as on 20.7.94	Area of expertise
1.	Shri Mahip Singh, Retd. CMG/NLC	Mines Safety and Management of Opencast Mines.
2	Shri H.B. Ghosh, Former DGMS and Former CMD/CMPDIL	Mines Safety with particular reference to mine fires.
3	Shri S.N. Singh, Former CMD/ECL	Safety in Underground Mining.
4	Shri M. Jha, Former CMD/NLC	Safety in Opencast Mining.
5	Shri N. Sar, Retd. CMD/ECL	Mines Safety with particular reference to Mines Fires.
6	Shri C.S. Jha, Former CMD/ECL	Mines Safety with special reference to Underground Mining.
7	Shri K.A. Sinha, Former D(T)/CIL	Mine Safety with special reference to mines in North Eastern Coalfields.
8	Dr. S. K. Ghosh, Retd. D(T)/CIL	World Bank matters.
9	Shri Rana SJB Singh Former D(F)/BCCL	Internal Auditing, Verification of Assets.
10	Shri U. Narain, Ex-D(F), CCL	Internal Audit and Asset verification.
11	Prof. A. K. Ghosh, Retd. Director, Indian School of Mines.	Mining Education Training and HRD.
12	Shri S.N. Gupta, Retd. District Collector	Land Acquisition for Rajmahal.
13	Shri T.K. Ghosh, Retd. Jt. Adviser (Planning Commissioner)	Coal planning, Assessment of Energy demand etc.
14	Dr. J.K. Sinha, Retd. Scientist, CMRS	Mines Safety and Environment.
15	Shri C.D. Pandey, Retd. IG (Forest)	Forest matters with particular reference to acquisition of forest land.
16	Shri L.S. Reddy, Retd. CE(Civil)/CIL	Industrial Constructions.
17	Shri A.P. Sinha, Retd. CGM(Personnel)	Personnel Industrial Relations.
18	Shri R.K. Rai, Retd. CGM/Rajrappa.	Mines Safety.
19	Shri I.D. Pandey, Retd. G.M.	Material & Laison.
20	Shri U.C. Mehra, Retd. GM (Sales)	Consumer services.
21	Shri S.M. Sharma, Retd. GM (Sales)	Consumer services.
22	Shri S. Velappan, Retd. Dy. GM/NLC	Chemical & Marketing with particular reference to Dankuni Coal Complex.
23	Shri S. Roy Choudhary Retd. Dy. CFA/CIL	Financial matters.
24	Prof. C. P. Thakur	Management.
25	Shri Udev Shankar Retd. CE(Civil)	HRD Management.